REMARKS

In the subject Office Action, the Examiner re-stated the previous rejections based upon insufficient disclosure. Applicant has responsively amended the drawings, in particular FIGURES 1a and 3. Replacement sheets are enclosed, and revisions are marked in red on the attached copies.

The previously revised FIGURE 1a failed to properly show the grinding wheel 58 in cross section. This now-obvious error has been corrected in replacement FIGURE 1a, enclosed. As shown, the grinding wheel 58 is a conventional dish-shaped wheel. In replacement FIGURE 3, in-line engagement of the lower slitter unit 16 and grinding wheel 58 (shown schematically in FIGURE 3) is illustrated. It should be noted (to avoid any confusion) that the rail 14 and lower slitter unit 16 are shown in FIGURE 3 from the side opposite that shown in FIGURE 1.

Applicant offers the following additional details to facilitate examination. As explained in the specification (see, *e.g.*, page 5, line 23 through page 6, line 6), on-site, in-line sharpening with the present invention begins with removal of the upper slitter units 12 from the rail 14. The claimed grinding apparatus 36 is mounted on the rail 14 (see, *e.g.*, page 7, lines 1-9).

Operation of the crank 84 (part of the second positioning means 88) sets the proper elevation of the grinding wheel 58 with respect to the collar 24 (see, *e.g.*, page 7, lines 1-9). Operation of the screw lock 80 sets the proper angle between the grinding wheel 58 and collar 24 (see, *e.g.*, page 9, lines 3-14).

In a first preferred embodiment (see FIGURES 2-5), operation of the crank 60 (part of the

first positioning means 66) moves the grinding wheel 58 into engagement with the collar 24 (see, *e.g.*, page 8, line 18 through page 9, line 2). Rotation of the crank 60 causes the coupler 38 to move along the rail 14. In a second preferred embodiment (see FIGURE 6), the coupler 38 remains stationary on the rail 14 and the grinding wheel moves relative to the rail 14 and coupler 36. (Both embodiments are covered by at least pending claim 1.) Thereafter, the lower slitter unit 16 and grinding wheel 58 are driven until sharpening is complete.

The adjustable support means 42 includes and is defined by the foregoing structure, including the first positioning means 66 and second positioning means 88. As such, the adjustable support means 42 is only generally designated in the drawings, particularly FIGURE 3.

It is submitted that the conventional grinding process, utilized in the present invention, and the in-line slitter/wheel engagement are now more than adequately described. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending objections to the specification, drawings and abstract are therefore respectfully requested.

Applicant has also amended the specification to cure two obvious typographical errors. With respect to the Examiner's objection to page 7 (bottom), it is submitted that the subject language was amended in the last response.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Prompt, favorable action is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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